

WHEREAS, A peace agreement has been instituted to officially end the armed conflict in Vietnam; and,

WHEREAS, Exchanged Prisoners of War have returned to rejoicing families leaving behind unaccounted for MIA'S; and,

WHEREAS, In excess of 1,300 men from throughout the United States and many men from South Dakota remain listed as Missing In Action due to the past hostilities; and,

WHEREAS, Aggrieved families of these homeless soldiers and suffering loved ones have not received nor are given any promise of information disclosing their existence; and,

WHEREAS, The people of South Dakota have not and will not forget sacrifices and undertakings so honorably endured by our MIA'S; and,

WHEREAS, The fortitude and tolerance of our Missing Men behooves their recognition by every freelifing citizen of our state; and,

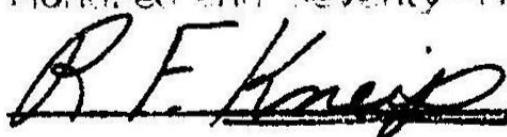
WHEREAS, The people of South Dakota commit themselves to maintain faith with our MIA'S and their patient families and resolve to pursue any and all indications leading to a determination of their fate, and vow a relentless campaign until all are accounted for:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Sunday, June Third, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Three as

MISSING IN ACTION AWARENESS DAY

In South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 30th day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Three.



RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE